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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as follows. Insertions are shown underlined while deletions are ~~struck through~~.

1 (currently amended): A method for producing water containing fullerenes, which includes a mixture of water molecules and ~~fullerenes are floating in water~~, comprising the steps of:

~~by~~ burning a mixed gas of oxygen and hydrogen in high-pressure water; and

burning a graphite bar using the combustion gas generated, thereby producing fullerenes in water.

2 (currently amended): An apparatus for producing water containing fullerenes, which includes a mixture of water molecules and ~~fullerenes are floating in water~~, which comprises a tank holding high-pressure water, a jet nozzle for jetting out a mixed gas of oxygen and hydrogen into the tank, a graphite bar, an ignition system for burning the mixed gas, and a combustion chamber for burning the graphite bar using the burning mixed gas.

3 (currently amended): The apparatus ~~for producing water containing fullerenes as claimed in Claim 2, which is characterized in that~~ further comprising a water electrolyzer for producing a mixed gas of oxygen and hydrogen ~~is attached to.~~

4 (currently amended): The apparatus ~~for producing water containing fullerenes as claimed in Claims 2 and 3, which is characterized in that~~ further comprising a filtration system for removing carbon residue ~~is attached to.~~

5 (currently amended): A healthy drinking water ~~which is produced by purifying comprising~~ water containing fullerenes ~~which include water molecules and are floating in water obtained by the method of Claim 1.~~

6 (new): The method as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising filtrating said water containing fullerenes by a filter to remove carbon residue.

7 (new): The apparatus as claimed in Claim 3, further comprising a filtration system for removing carbon residue.